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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BARRY et al.

Application No.: 09/888,320

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING
MULTIDRUG RESISTANT
TUBERCULOSIS

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.